

**INFORMAL SESSION
December 19, 2005**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened in Informal Session at 9:00 a.m., December 19, 2005 in the Board of Supervisors' Conference Room, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Max W. Wilson, Chairman, District 4; Don Stapley, Vice Chairman, District 2, Fulton Brock, District 1; Andrew Kunasek, District 3, and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Shirley Million, Minutes Coordinator; David Smith, County Manager; Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney and Anne Longo, Assistant Chief Counsel. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: (aye-no-absent-abstain).

ICJIS PROJECT – UPDATE AND FUTURE DIRECTION

Item: A presentation on the current status, as well as future directions, for the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System (ICJIS) Project. The presentation will discuss the return on investment of the ICJIS Project and brief the Board on the ICJIS Executive Committees' recommendations for future funding. (ADM2714)

Don Thomas, ICJIS Director
George Roundy, e-Corridor

Don Thomas said the biggest single deficiency in Government technology is the lack of trust that keeps IT Departments from becoming strategic partners and he believed that ICJIS will overcome this problem.

George Roundy outlined the flow of information through different local, county and state agencies from the time a crime is committed through the sentencing and disposition of the criminal. ICJIS connects these agencies and facilitates the collection of vital data for all to access. He cited the following direct value examples for the Maricopa County Justice Community and citizens:

- County Attorney's streamlining its case management system
- Public Defender reusing this streamlined system for IRIS, saving almost \$1 million
- Sheriff's Office ability to free-up officer time with a new streamlined booking system that processes over 10,000 bookings per month.
- Common case numbers for cases across all agencies for more efficient case tracking
- Electronic document filing between the County Attorney and the Courts – resulting in reduced jail days for prisoners
- Real-time sharing of booking records, efficient 24x7 court docket management, better bed efficiency in jails

Future improvements will include an automated warrants system and streamlined case disposition tracking. The projected two-year combined Tier I and II costs, as approved by the ICJIS Executive Committee on August 25, 2005, are estimated to total \$8,995,432. Conclusions on the ICJIS Return on Investment (ROI) show a positive return and improvement in the Criminal Justice System with six of 20 projects showing a \$5 million benefit in the first year of full implementation and an expectation of more than \$94 million over a 15 year period.

Discussion ensued on which other agencies have interfaced with ICJIS or plan to come on line. Mr. Thomas said, "We're going to do a lot of the work for some agencies like DPS and feed them accurate information to work from until they can fund a broader participation." Maricopa County is leading the country but others are signing on as it has been decided that this system is the best path for the future. Those real or future users include Homeland Security, FBI, CIA and other states that are coming into ICJIS from the systems they had been using.

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Mr. Thomas said he has a staff of five who work hard on upgrades and expanding the system and if all that were to stop, funding would still be necessary to support the current system. Additional funding would be needed if expansion is to be continued. Discussion ensued on how important ICJIS has been to Regional Law Enforcement and the ways the speed of the system is expected to cut the length of time and the number of prisoners held in jail. Discussed were many other ways it will help deal with ongoing jail issues.

The Board Members all expressed enthusiasm for the program's being on the cutting edge in the right place at the right time and for the continuing vision for expansion in new and different directions.

IRIS CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Item: Overview of the Indigent Representation Information System (IRIS) Case Management System created by the Public Defender in conjunction with the Indigent Representation, Contract Counsel, and Office of Legal Advocate Departments. The first phase of IRIS has become operational in the Public Defender's office and future phases will result in a single system for all Indigent Representation Departments. (ADM500-002)

Jim Haas, Public Defender

Diane Terrible, Administrator, Public Defender

Rose Adams, IRIS Project Manager, Public Defender

Jim Haas said that he and Diane Terrible had seen a presentation in San Diego, CA ten years ago, of a very sophisticated case management system that was being developed for the Los Angeles County Public Defender. It contained features such as a virtually paperless electronic file for attorneys to keep, automated research tools, automatic document generation and many other features to aid workload management. At that time they set a long-term goal to "replace the antiquated and inadequate case management system in our office" with an electronic system similar to the one demonstrated. He said that this goal is now being realized through the hard work and creativity of those in his and related County departments. He was pleased to cite the County Attorney's office as one giving maximum effort as they often play an adversarial role to the Public Defenders' Office in the courtroom..

Ms. Terrible gave a history of the creative steps over the past ten years that led them from an idea to the IRIS Case Management System. They started with the skeleton system being used by the County Attorney's Office and revised and developed those programs to create a system that met their unique needs. When this was accomplished they determined to share these components with other County departments. She said that in the near future, "We will have one system with individual data bases." The cost has only been the cost of modifying the County Attorney's basic system. The process began in 2004 and the core version of IRIS was completed in August 2005. She added, "When you have a need, you figure out a way to get it done."

She explained one of the intangible key benefits to their office, as referenced by Don Thomas in his presentation on ICJIS, thusly, "Prior to ICJIS we didn't talk with the County Attorney's Office ... We were adversaries in the courtroom ... We only got together through our interactions through ICJIS."

Rose Adams demonstrated how IRIS works and all that is available in the Case Management and other programs to facilitate the department's workload. She said a search can be done on the case number,

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booking number or person's name, enabling calendaring, documents and files to be followed and accessed throughout the course of that case until it is resolved.

Jim Haas said that Phase 1 of IRIS took around nine months to complete and cost has been \$675,000 for a system they estimate to be worth \$1.5 million.

Chairman Wilson asked if there were any concerns about security. Ms. Terribile responded that this was a major issue until a mechanism was devised to eliminate the possibility of any data being shared. She added that security will be the main focus of the IT project manager for the coming year as the system is broadened. Discussion ensued on an eventual system that could be accessed by outside attorneys, law firms and the public but Ms. Terribile said they have just begun thinking about how this could be done.

David Smith explained that he wanted the Board to have a "good sense" of all three of the systems, ICJIS, IRIS and CAIS that are now working in tandem. He said that IRIS shows leadership in that "we can now get individual productivity analyses of every attorney in the system, to see if someone is overworked, someone is under worked, or what the complexity or analysis of cases happens to be. He added that in a year when filings go up 20%, as they did in 2005, this kind of tool is essential. He added that it is flexible enough to apply to other operations in the future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Motion was made by Supervisor Stapley, seconded by Supervisor Brock, and unanimously carried (5-0) to recess and reconvene in Executive Session in the Tom Sullivan Conference Room to consider items listed on the Executive Agenda dated December 19, 2005, pursuant to listed statutory authority, as follows.

LEGAL ADVICE; PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION -- ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) AND (A)(4)

1. Compromise Cases

Barbara Caldwell, Outside Counsel

Michelle Brisby
Coleen Nickle
Lisa Postell
Doris Zirkle

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO AVOID OR RESOLVE LITIGATION – ARS §38-431.03(A)(4)

2. Lucy Hall v. Maricopa County Integrated Health System, et al.

Tim Casey, Lead Outside Counsel
Mary C. Cronin, Deputy County Attorney

3. Dependable Staffing, Inc.

Sandi Wilson, Deputy County Administrator
Dr. Jacqueline Meeks, Executive Director, Maricopa County Public Health
Otis Smith, Deputy County Attorney

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4. **Maricopa County, Air Quality re. Glendale Care Center and Archstone Care Center**
 Neil Yockey, Director of Trip Reduction Program
 Brad Hartsock, Supervisor Trip Reduction Program
 Otis Smith, Deputy County Attorney

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO AVOID OR RESOLVE LITIGATION – ARS §38-431.03(A)(4)

5. **Maricopa County v. City of Mesa, CV 2004-016143**
 Tom Manos, Chief Financial Officer
 Chris Keller, Chief Counsel
 Lisa Stelly Wahlin, Deputy County Attorney

LEGAL ADVICE: PURCHASE, SALE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY – ARS §38-431.03 (A)(3) AND (A)(7)

6. **Peoria purchase of 38.55 acres**
 Tom Manos, Chief Financial Officer
 Dennis Lindsey, Real Estate Services Department Manager
 William Riske, Deputy County Attorney

PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION; SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO AVOID OR RESOLVE LITIGATION – ARS §38-431.03(A)(4)

7. **Arizona Motor Sports Park v. Maricopa County, CV 2004-016953**
 Joy Rich, Director of Planning and Development
 Chris Keller, Chief Counsel

LEGAL ADVICE; PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION: – ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4)

8. **NAACP et al. v. Maricopa County, CV2003-2409-PHX-EHC**
 Richard Stewart, Deputy County Attorney
 Dennis Carpenter, Deputy County Attorney
 Rebecca Salisbury, Deputy County Attorney

MEETING ADJOURNED

After discussion on the above items and there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Max W. Wilson, Chairman of the Board

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board